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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT : Requested Background Maps

1. Attached are three packets each containing five maps we have prepared for your use in considering cease-fire questions, per your request as relayed by General Haig on 16 November and reviewed with him in several conversations on 16 and 17 November. Per General Haig's instructions, we have put no classification on any of the maps or on the covers of the packet in which they are contained.

2. Also attached are three copies of a brief memorandum explaining these five maps, the data on which each is based, and the classification that each map (because of the data plotted thereon) would normally carry.

3. Taken together, the five maps portray graphically the disposition and strength of friendly and enemy ground combat main forces (separately and combined) as of mid-November 1972, those hamlets in South Vietnam under the physical control of the Communists, and those populated areas of South Vietnam which would have to be acknowledged as being under Communist control as of these maps' mid-November data cut off date. We caution that this kind of "control" data changes weekly and sometimes daily --

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hence the situation we have plotted on the basis of the best information available to us may not entirely square with the latest Mission or MACV reports in your in-box on any given morning.

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Attachments

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